



Aloha 'Āina

Kepakemapa 2011 Cultural Resources Management Program Status Update

Conservation Action Plan/Ocean Management Plan Update

The KIRC Culture Resource Project Coordinator participated in the Conservation Action Plan workshop that was facilitated by The Nature Conservancy and held in Kā'anapali from August 30th–September 1st. The goal of the workshop was to revisit the existing Ocean Management Plan and utilize this proposed process to update the plan with some of the current needs/issues.

Ala Loa

PKO Po'o for the Ala Loa Syd Kawahakui teamed up with the KIRC Restoration Program and utilized the volunteers to provide maintenance of the path from Kaukauapapa to Laepaki from September 5th-8th. They were able to weed eat, prune, and line part of the trail with pōhaku. The trail was originally established in March 2011.

On September 24th KIRC staff Bart Maybee, Kahale Saito, and KIRC intern CJ Elizares supported the PKO huaka'i in Hakioawa. EOD Bart Maybee was able to clear all the marked ordinance on the Ala Loa trail that was identified by access guides. The PKO and volunteers were able to do maintenance on the trail from 'Oawawāhie to a little beyond the Iwi Koholā. PKO representative/Mo'olono Kaipō Like and Ikaika Nakahashi joined KIRC staff to flag the trail beyond what has been worked on so far.

PKO Stewardship Support

46 Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ōhana members and volunteers had a huaka'i in Hakioawa from September 20th-25th. Some of their activities included Ala Loa maintenance, cleaning of the well, trail maintenance, and Makahiki preparation. They were able to holo mauka up to Pu'u 'O Moa'ula Iki, where KIRC staff Kahale Saito and KIRC intern CJ Elizares were able to join them and provide water for the group.

Opening Rain and Planting Ceremony

On October 8th on the mahina of Mōhalu, KIRC and PKO representatives will be enticing the rains of Kāne by participating in the annual Opening of the Rain and Planting Ceremony. There will be a ceremony on both Pu'u Mahoe and Kaho'olawe. Commissioner Whitehead and Culture Program staff Kahale Saito are taking the lead to organize this event.



Pōkāneloa Update/Piko o Wākea Observations

Culture Program staff Kahale Saito and intern CJ Elizares made observations at Kāneloa for Piko o Wākea from September 22nd-26th (Fall Equinox). As was mentioned in last month's report, a stand was constructed for the Reconyx camera (time lapsed) to sit overlooking the pōhaku with the staff situated in the way that the practitioners of the PKO and the Edith Kanaka'ole Foundation utilized it. Staff was also able to establish three points that will help to monitor and measure the movement of the pōhaku.

